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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : ELSA AFRA JULIA MARIA GOULMY
U.S. Serial No. : 09/269,250
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For : METHOD FOR TYPING OF MINOR
HISTOCOMPATIBILITY ANTIGEN HA-1

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**FINAL AMENDMENT AND PETITION
FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the June 26, 2002 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 26, 2002 Office Action was originally due on September 26, 2002. Applicant hereby requests a one month extension of time from September 26, 2002 to October 26, 2002 for filing a response. The fee for a one month extension of time for a small entity is \$55.00, and a check for this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2002, please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 13, 17, and 20 as follows:

1. Method for typing of alleles of the Minor Histocompatibility Antigen HA 1 in a sample, the method comprising detecting polymorphic nucleotides in the cDNA or genomic nucleic acids of said alleles, thereby typing the alleles, wherein said polymorphic nucleotides are detected in a region of said allele corresponding to SEQ ID